

Minutes  
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting  
Mansfield Community Center Conference Room  
September 16, 2014  
6:30 pm  
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- I. Welcome – Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm
- II. Attendance: Sue Harrington, Tom Harrington, Eric Apgar, Jennifer Kaufman (staff), Juliana Barrett
- III. Approval of Minutes – May meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. Old Business
  - Park Updates –
    - Mt. Hope dock moved as well as benches that belong under the pine trees.
    - Merrow Meadow looks good – mowing job was well done.
    - Dorwart looks good; suggestion made to keep trailhead near soccer fields mown once/year. Sign to be fixed.
    - Dunhamtown needs gate to keep ATV's out. Japanese knotweed needs to be cut or it will be taking over the parking area.
    - Shelter Falls – trails were reblazed.
  - My Town Trail App: Eight EO Smith students went out with Gloria and used their smart phones to map (using GPS) the trails at town parks. App will show user where they are on the trail. Mansfield Fire Dept interested in the app as useful in the event of an emergency (e.g. injured hiker) in a town park. They still need to upload photos and some labels need to be corrected, but has turned into both an excellent senior project and a new town app.
  - Mansfield Tomorrow Update: project is delayed. Draft plan will go to consultants by the end of September. P&Z needs to review and will hopefully accept plan in early December. Need to have full scale change of zoning by March 2015.
  - Walktober Events: Sue and Tom have 3 events: Mt. Hope, Dunhamtown, and Sawmill Brook Park.
  - Celebrate Mansfield Moss Sanctuary Walk: Saturday Sept 20. 2 people registered but will likely draw a crowd.
  - Star Party: Friday Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at UConn
- V. New Business
  - Winter Events: Tracking event planned for January 2015
  - Membership: Currently PAC has 5 members, 3 alternates. We could use 2 more members and an EO Smith Representative
  - Grant Application to CT DEEP to control fanwort in Eagleville Lake: This grant is a collaboration with the Town of Coventry. The

application was reviewed with no comments other than the fact that it looks like a good proposal.

- Monticello/Birchwood Hts Trail: There is a trail connection in the deed to allow for pedestrian and bike traffic.
- Coventry Rd. to Beacon Hill Estates Trail: Trail is blazed and will be cleaned up weekend of Sept 20 with UConn students.
- Trail near Dunhamtown still needs to be cleaned up.

VI. Announcements

- There are 3 more UConn work days planned for this fall.

VII. Adjourn – the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.